(b) whether it is a fact that encroachments in Type-II & III quarters (Phase-I & II), B.K.S. Marg, New Delhi has been left out due to manipulations by JE/AE, CPWD and the same is causing health hazards and security threat to the allottees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when all the encroachments are likely to be removed and the action taken against the officials responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The policy for removal of unauthorized constructions within the Government residential accommodation has been revised since the last question in the Rajya Sabha on the subject. Now, action on removal of unauthorized encroachment can be taken by CPWD officer without waiting for Director of Estates to cancel allotment or evict the allottee. The field units of CPWD have been informed by Director General (Works) in November, 2005 about the new policy and directed to take action.

Delhi Police provides adequate force/protection for maintaining law and order during removal of illegal encroachments whenever demanded by concerned authorities.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Removal of encroachments is an on-going process. Officers failing to carry out the removal of encroachments under the revised policy will be liable for departmental action for dereliction of duty.

Downsizing of staff in Delhi Metro

2873. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation would soon cut down the number of operational staff employed at the station and on the route:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DMRC has decided to run the Delhi Metro at par with the standards of other developed metros of the world; and

(d) if so, the action plan drawn up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) it is already running at par with the standards of other developed metros.

(d) Does not arise.

Unauthorised construction and subletting in Kalibari

2874. SHRI FAQIR CHAND MULLANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation have been made by Government to check unauthorised construction/alterations and subletting of Government quarters and misuse of garages in H-Block, Type-II, Kalibari Marg, New Delhi;

(b) the name of persons along with quarter number of those who have been given notices by CPWD and Directorate of Estates in each locality separately till the 31st October, 2005; and

(c) the action taken by Government to curb the unscrupulous activities in these colonies and whether Government would charge penal licence fee from such allottees?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed at Annexure. See Appendix 206 Annexure No. 14.

(c) Removal of unauthorised construction/encroachment is a continuous process and such constructions are required to be removed as soon as they are noticed. In cases where subletting is proved, the allotment is cancelled and the allottee is debarred from future allotment of Government accommodation besides advising the Department of the allottee to initiate disciplinary proceedings against him. From the date of cancellation till the vacation of quarter, damages are charged from such allottees.